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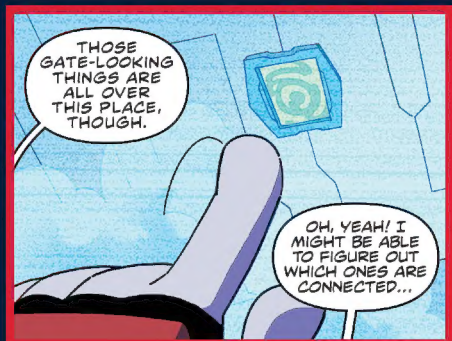
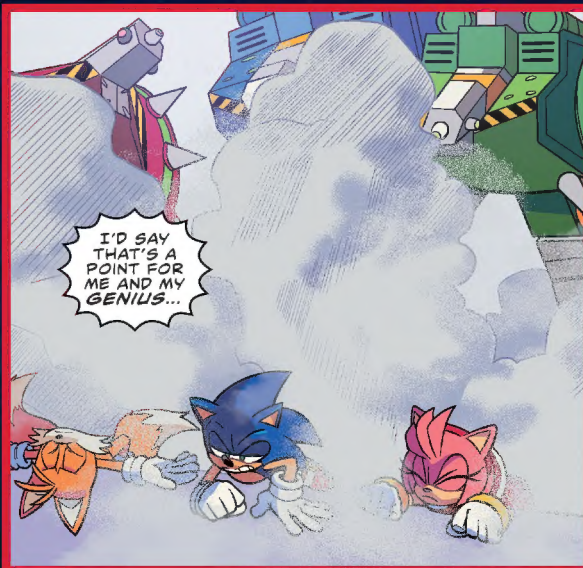


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STORY SO FAR





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest Thing Alive.



AMY ROSE

Hammer-swinging Heroine.
Restoration ally.



MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Tech-savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.



TANGLE THE LEMUR

Excitable Hero.
Elastic-tailed brawler.



BELLE THE TINKERER

Enthusiastic new-comer.
Clumsy Marionette.

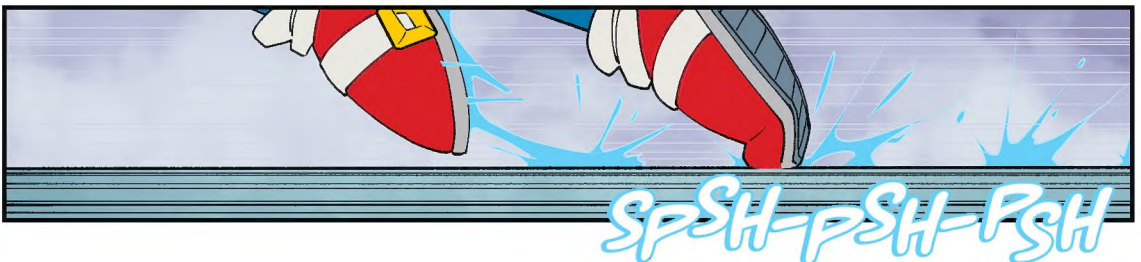
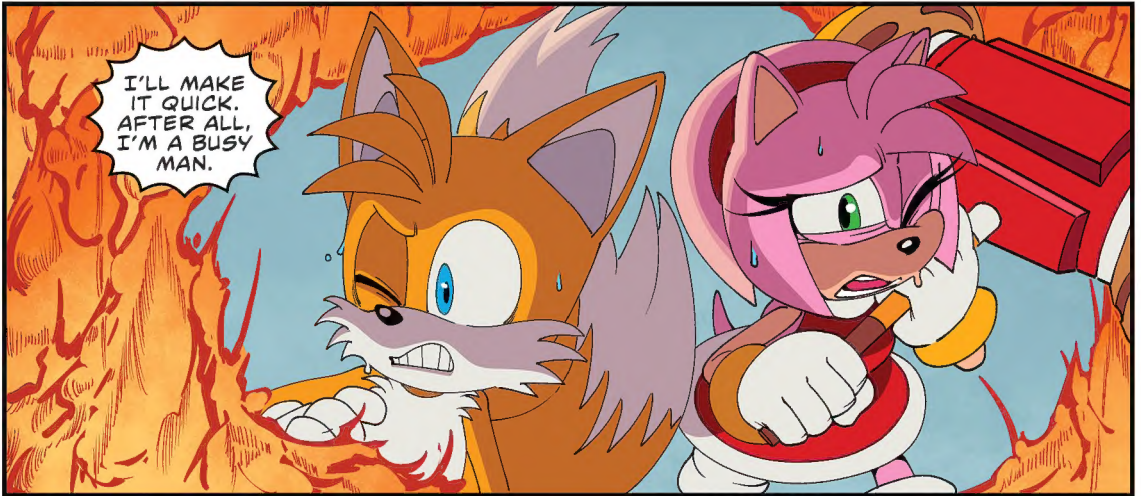
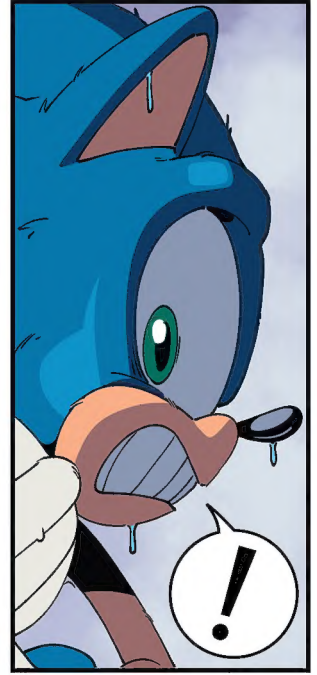
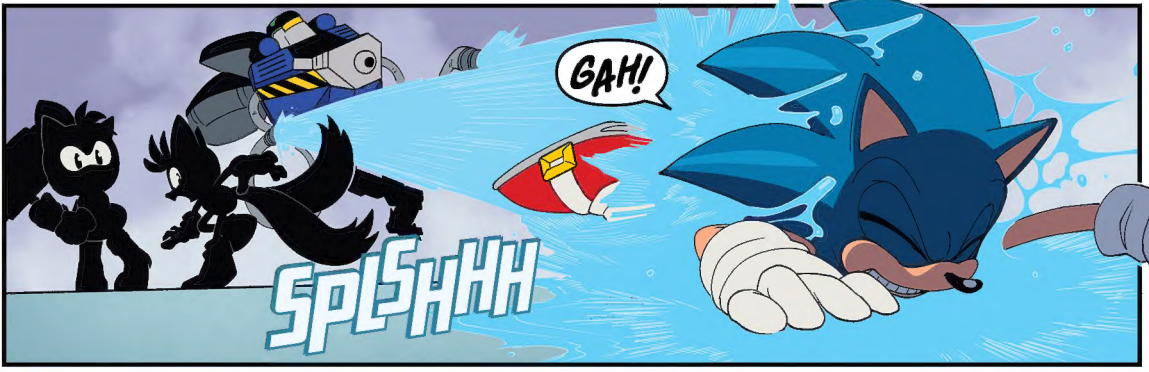


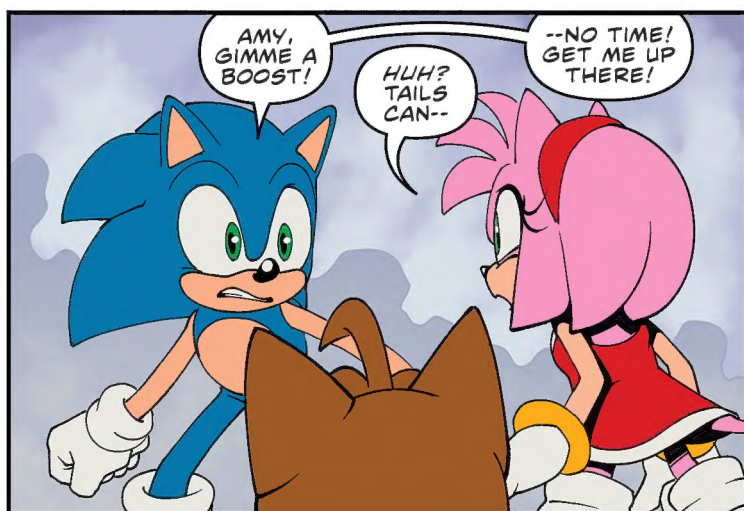
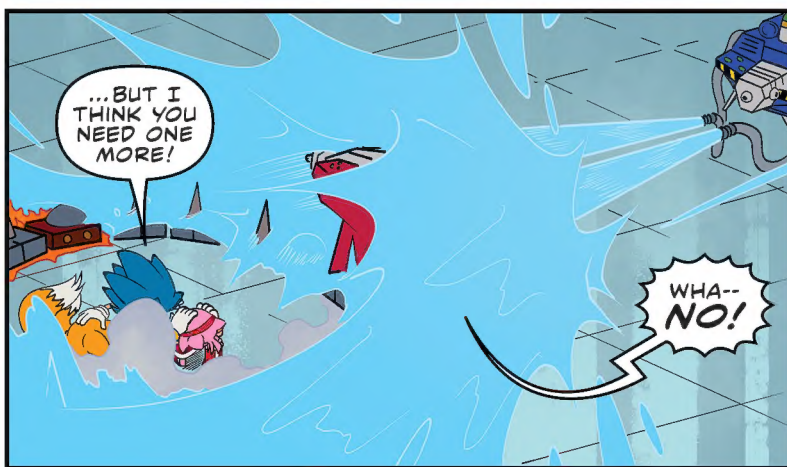
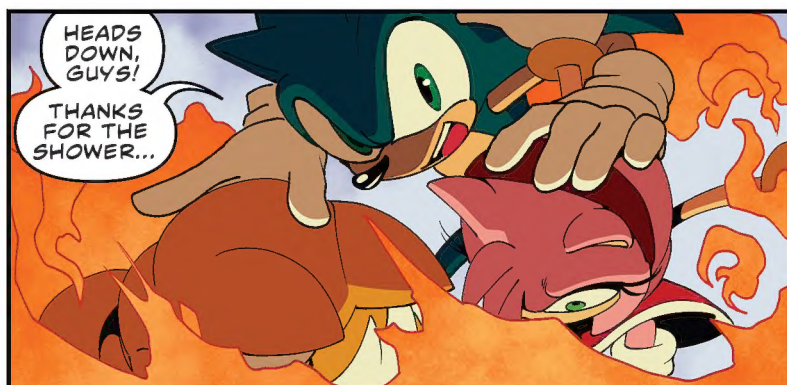
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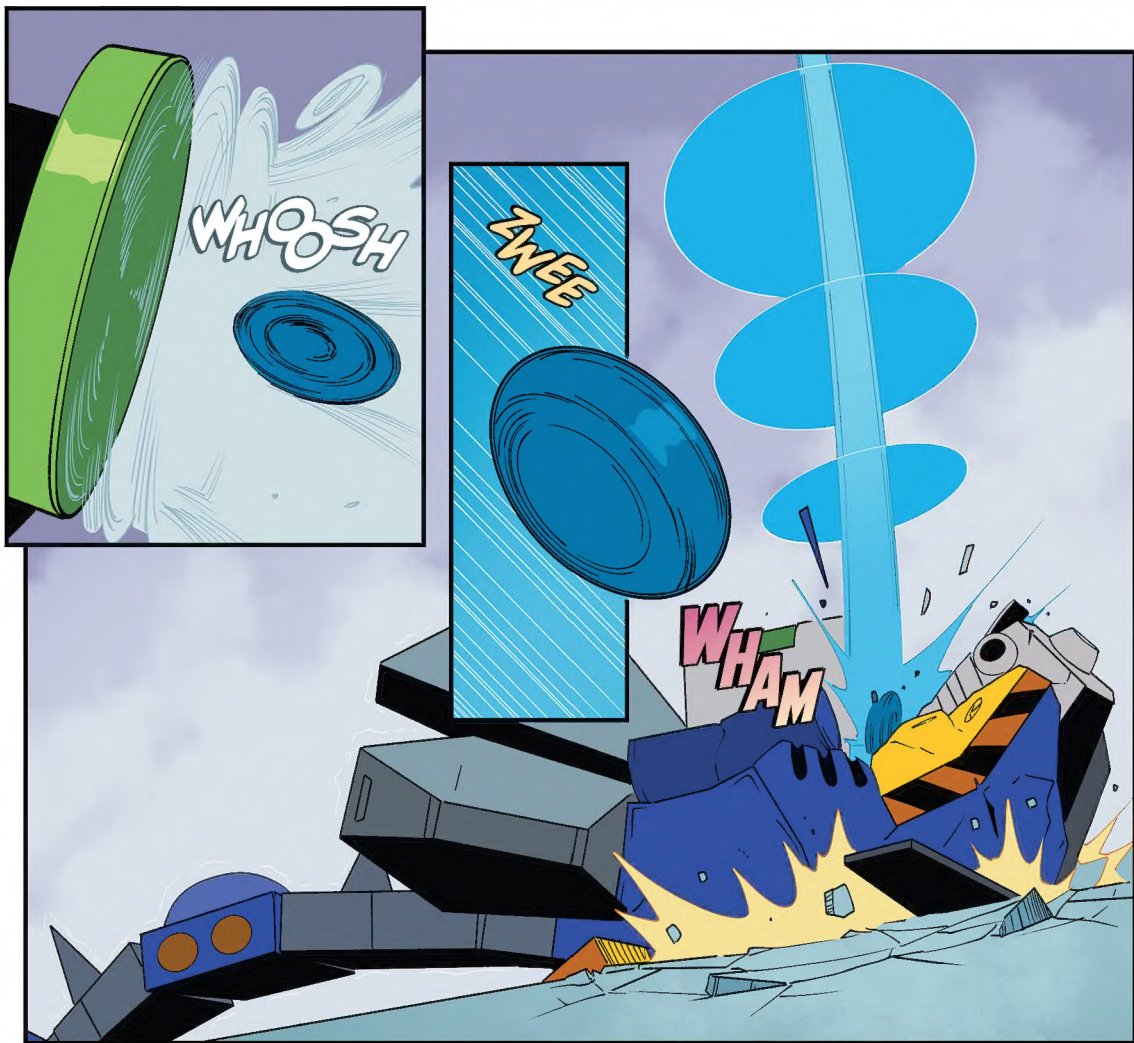
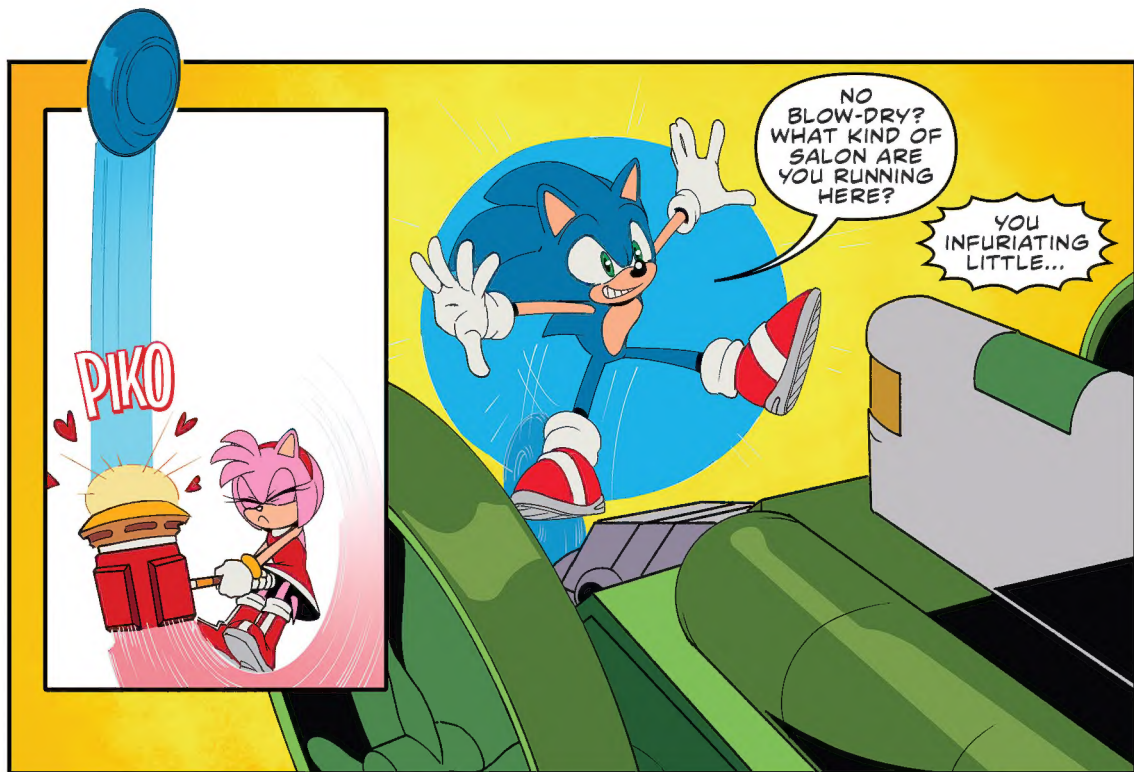
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Egg enthusiast.

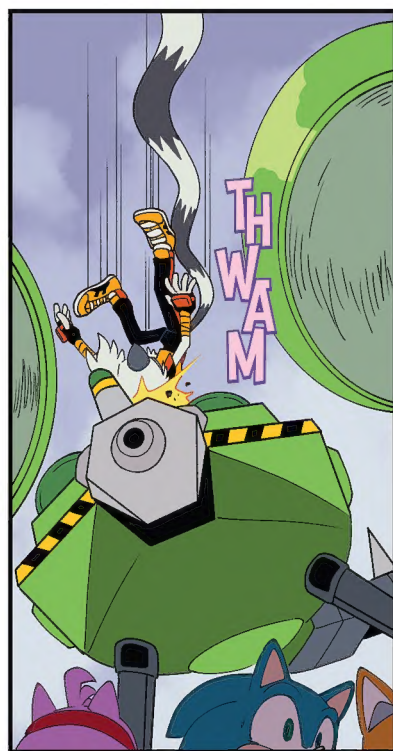
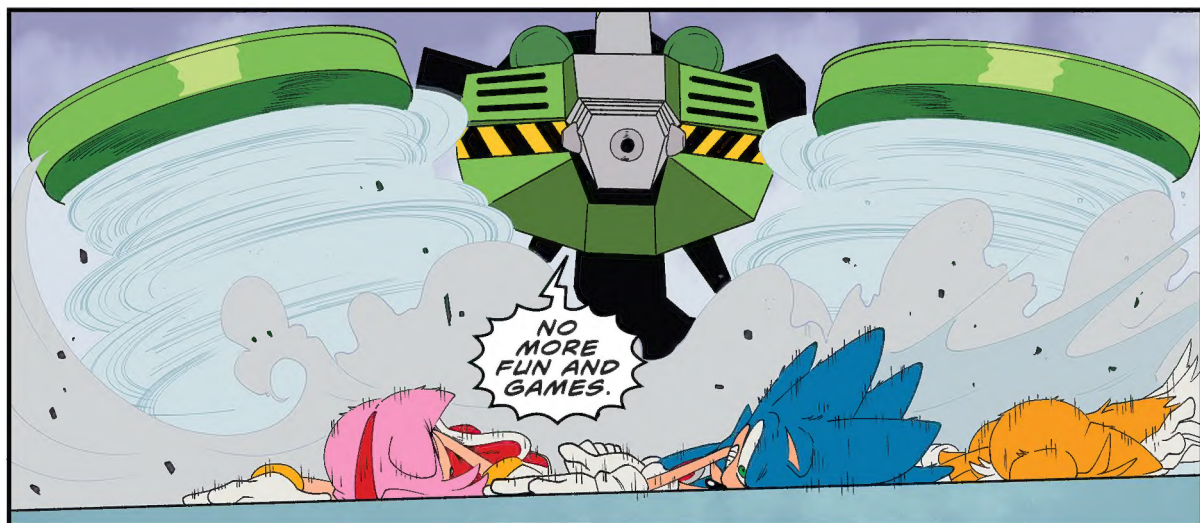


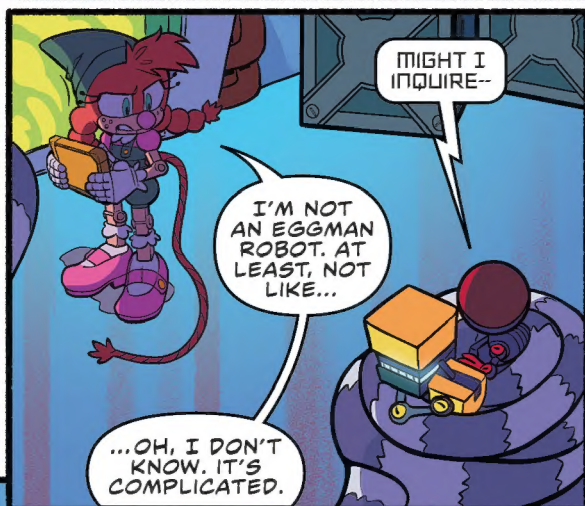
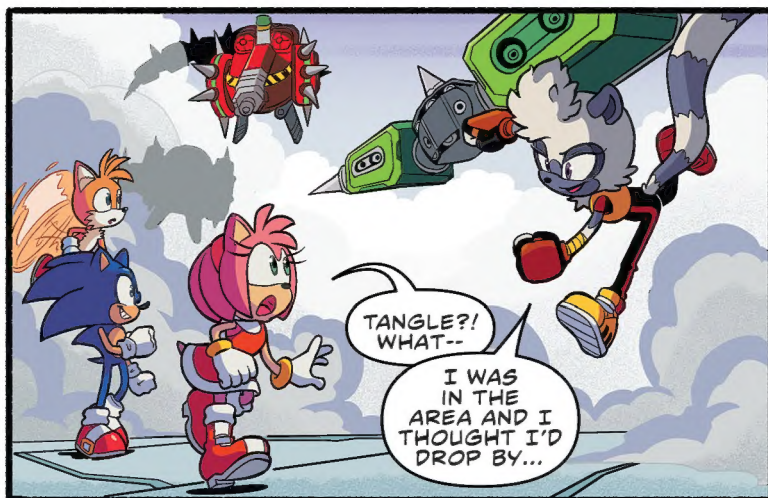
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FUN YET?
I KNOW
I AM!









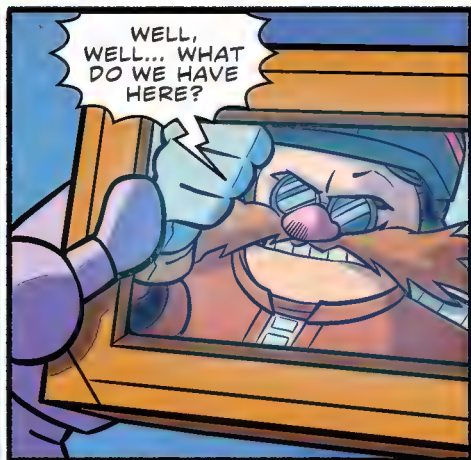
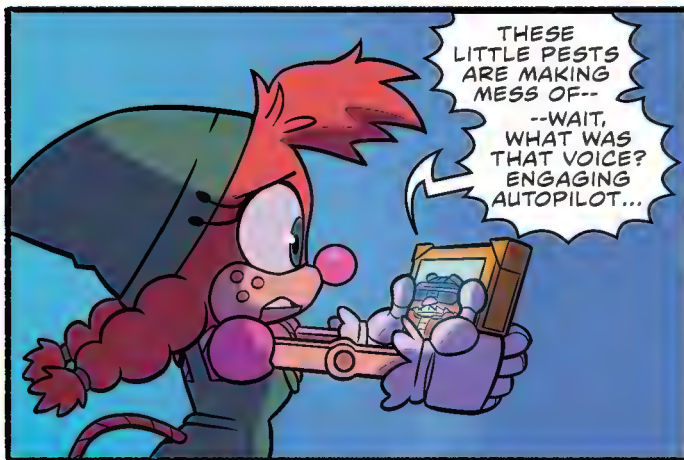


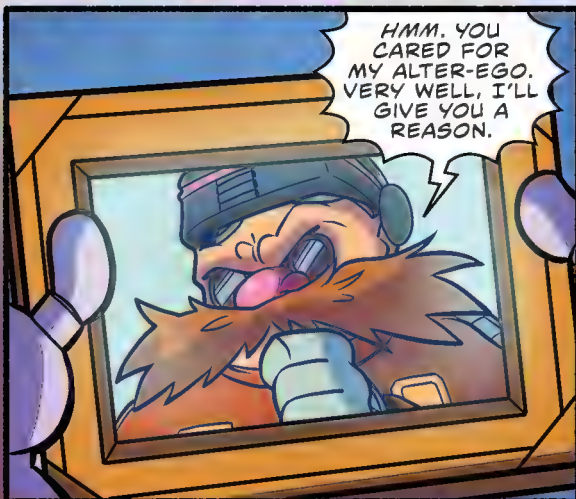
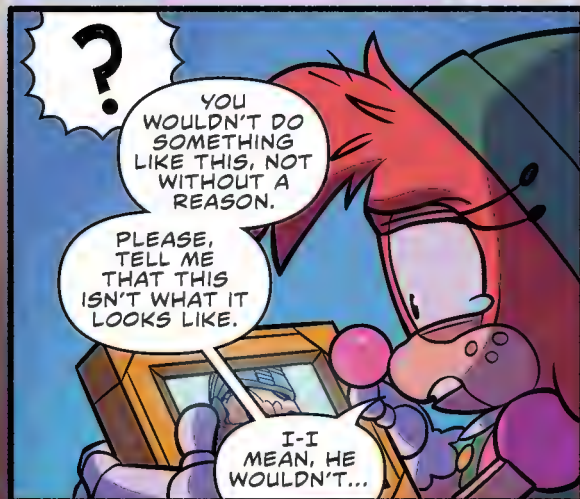
NOTHING
SPECIAL. COOK,
CLEAN, MAKE
COFFEE...

HE'S VERY
PARTICULAR
ABOUT THAT!
NICE AND STRONG,
NO MILK--

--AND
LOTS AND
LOTS OF
SUGAR.

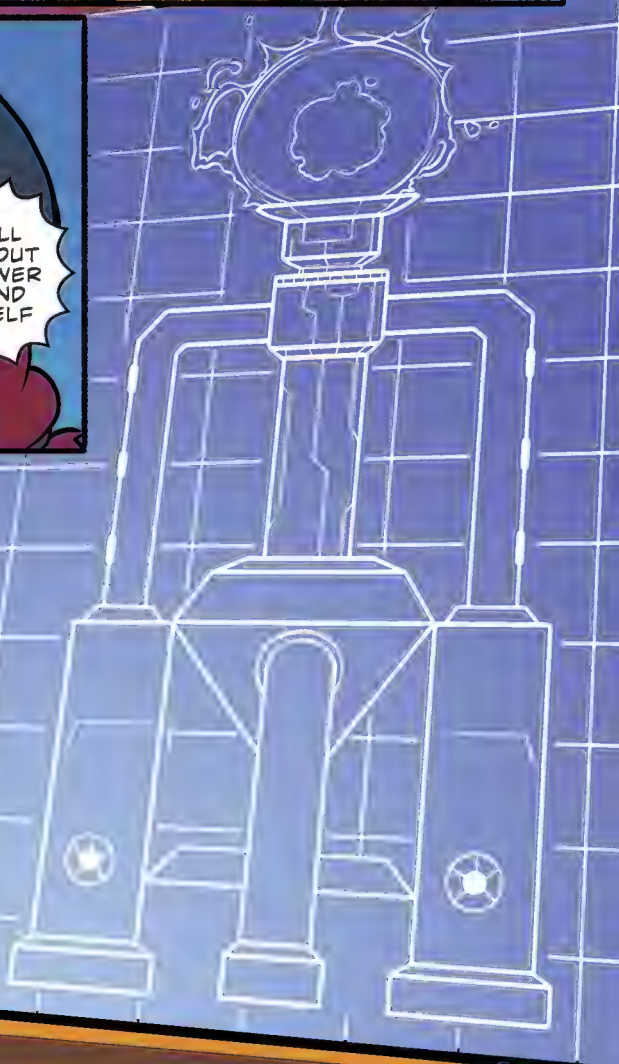






"FOR A MAN OF MY INTELLECTUAL CALIBER, THE RESTRAINTS OF REALITY CAN, AT TIMES, BECOME STIFLING... MERELY TINKERING WITHIN THE LIMITS OF OUR BANAL WORLD NO LONGER SATISFIES.

"THAT'S WHERE THIS PLACE COMES IN."





"BEHOLD... I HAVE BENT THE LAWS OF PHYSICS THEMSELVES TO MY WILL! THIS MAZE GROWS AND FOLDS BACK ON ITSELF AD INFINITUM, A LABYRINTH WITHOUT PEER.

"THE ROBOTS I'VE SENT IN WILL BURN OUT LONG BEFORE THEY ESCAPE.

"ONE DAY, IT WILL HAVE THE RESILIENCE TO HOLD EVEN SONIC, AND HE ISN'T NEARLY SO DURABLE.



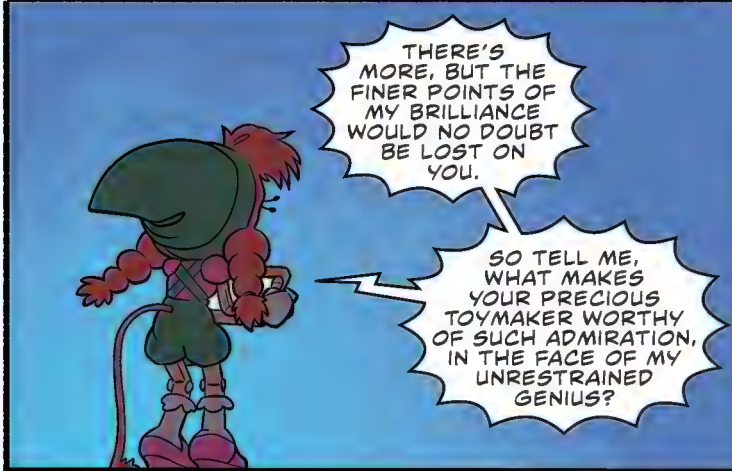
"NEXT, A MODEL OF SORTS. A PERFECT SIMULATION OF A TRAGICALLY IMPERFECT WORLD, NOT YET UNDER MY CONTROL.

"I CAN TEST HOW QUICKLY MY BADNIK HORDES CAN OVERTAKE A TOWN, TO 'RECRUIT' A FRESH CROP OF UNSUSPECTING TEST SUBJECTS.



"OH, AND I ESPECIALLY LIKE THIS-- A NEW WAY FOR MY BADNIKS TO EVOLVE, DISCOVERING NEW WAYS TO BEST DOMINATE WHATEVER ENVIRONMENT THEY FIND THEMSELVES IN!

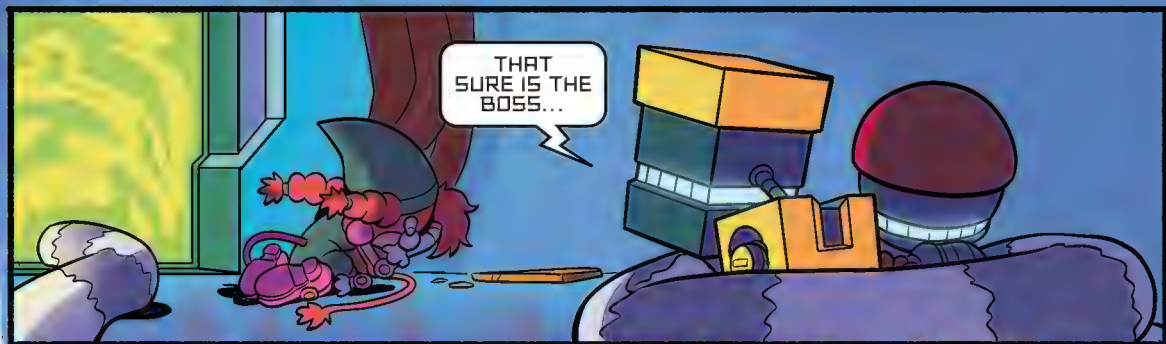
"EVERY GENERATION WILL REVEAL NEW AND TERRIFYING ADAPTATIONS."



THERE'S MORE, BUT THE FINER POINTS OF MY BRILLIANCE WOULD NO DOUBT BE LOST ON YOU.

SO TELL ME, WHAT MAKES YOUR PRECIOUS TOYMAKER WORTHY OF SUCH ADMIRATION, IN THE FACE OF MY UNRESTRAINED GENIUS?





THAT
SURE IS THE
BOSS...



?

FZZT

ZZAKA

WHY IS
IT DOING
THAT...?



AH, THAT WOULD BE THE
GATE OVERLOADING.
IT'S NOT SAFE TO LEAVE
SOMETHING IN THE
ENERGY FIELD FOR LONG,
IT COULD CAUSE A
FEEDBACK LOOP.

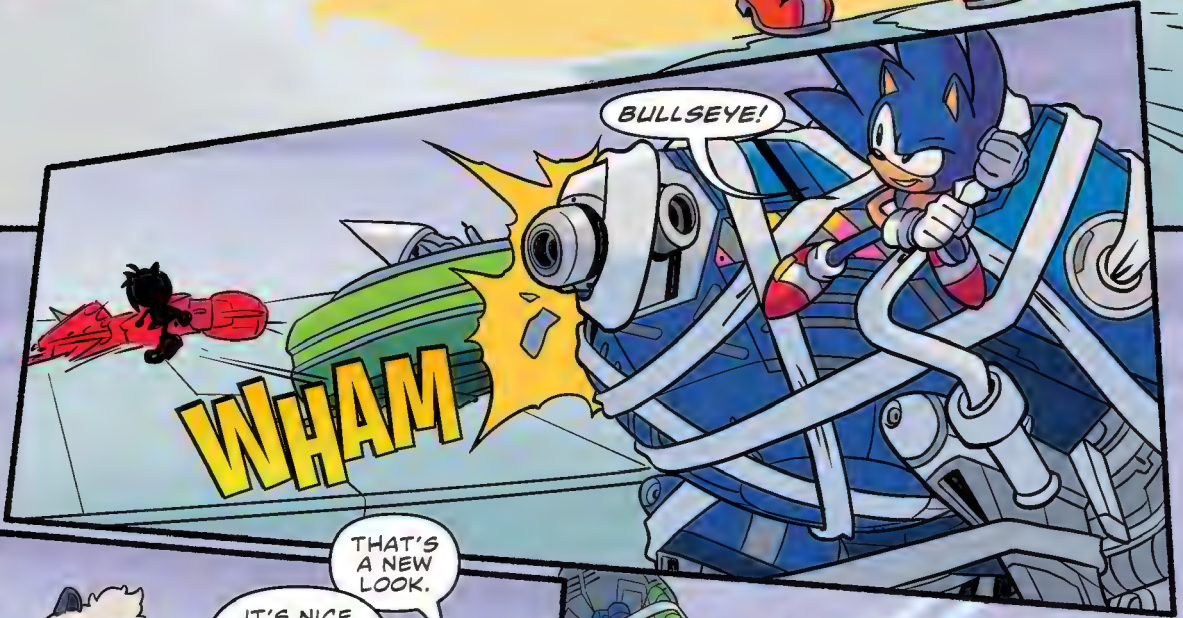
OH
GEEZ--
WHY DIDN'T
YOU SAY
SOMETHING?

YOU
DIDN'T
ASK!



WHAT
HAPPENS IF
THERE'S A
FEEDBACK
LOOP?

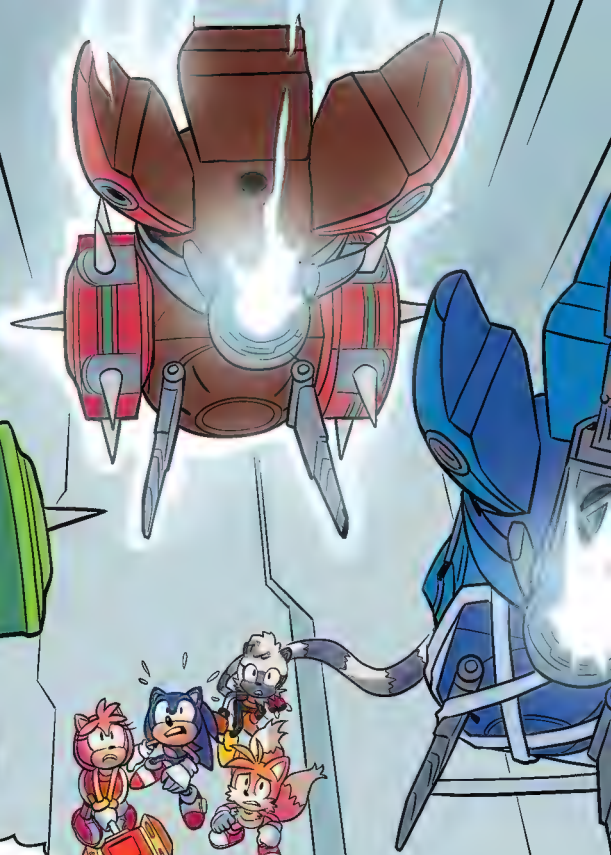
WHAT YOU'D
EXPECT... RAPID
EXPANSION OF THE
ENERGY FIELD,
UNTIL IT COLLAPSES
UNDER ITS OWN
WEIGHT AND
IMPLODES.





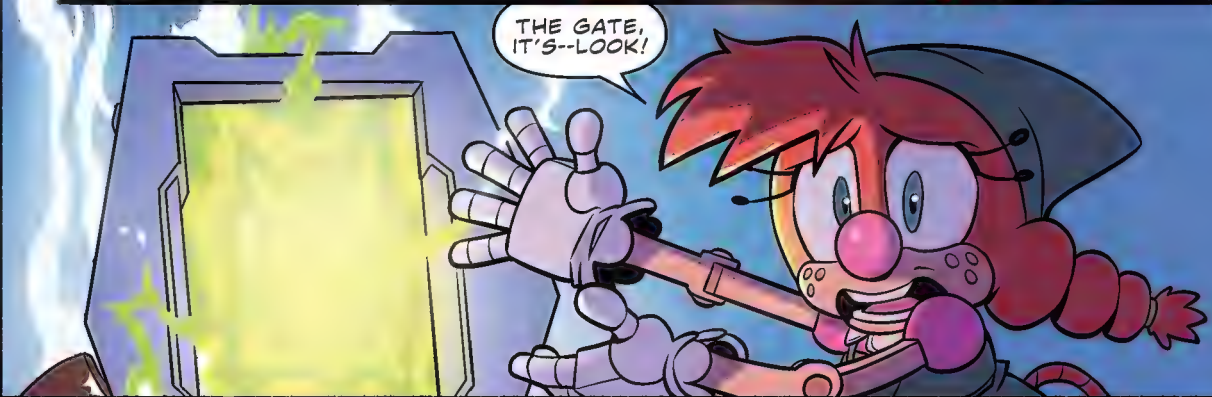
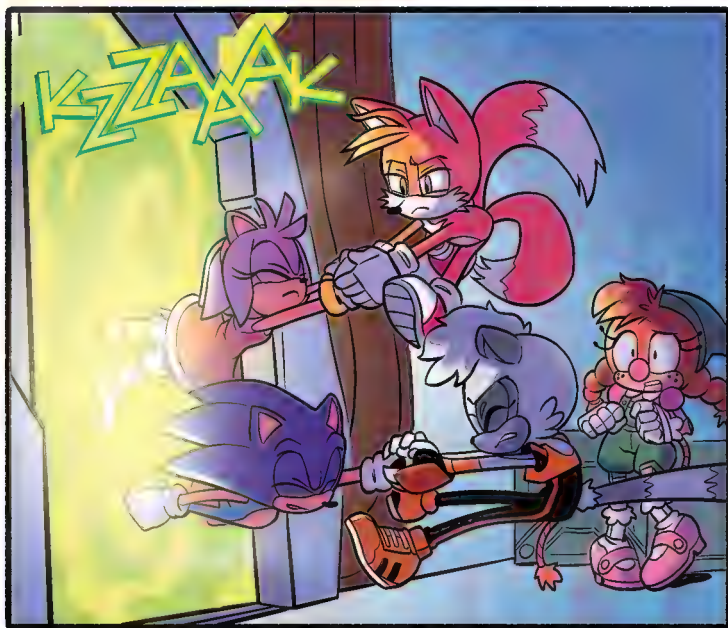
I'VE HAD
JUST ABOUT
ENOUGH...

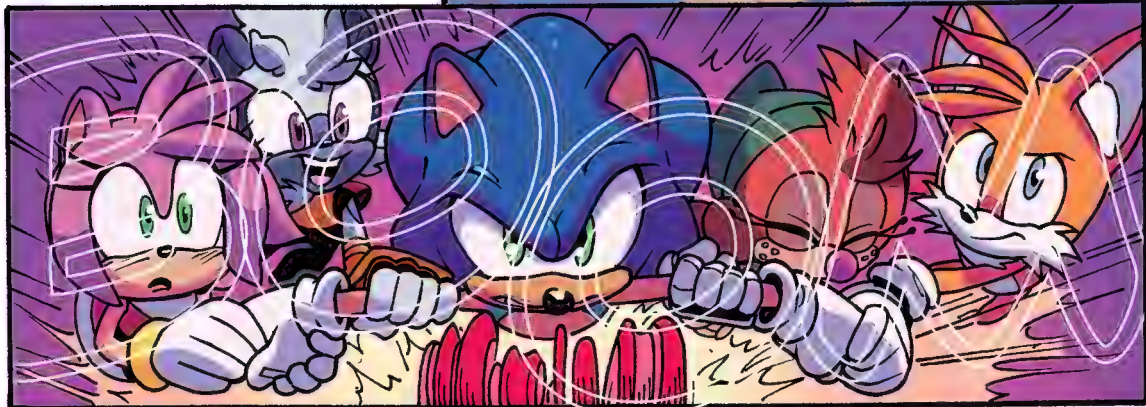
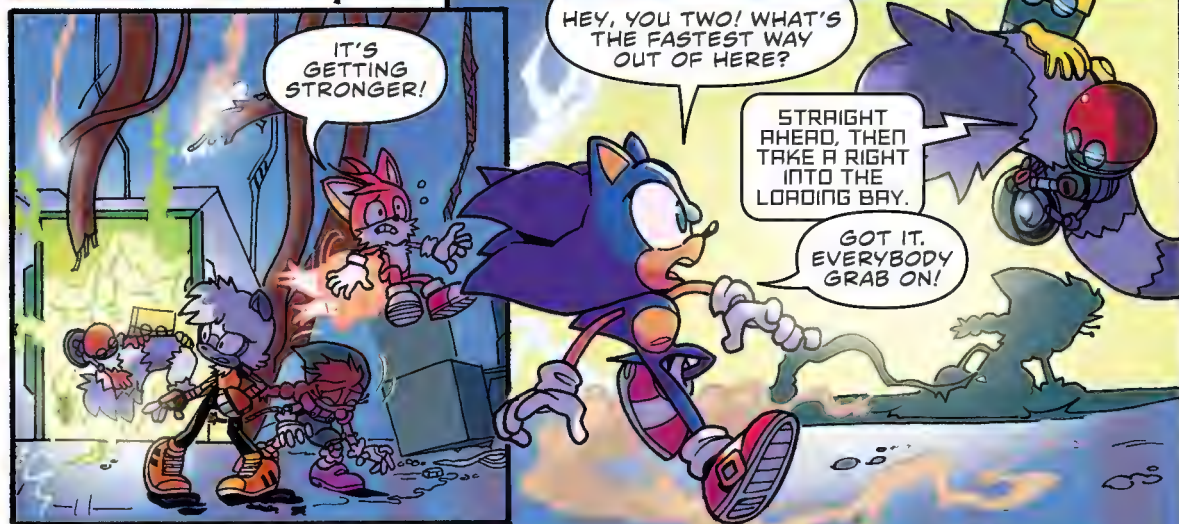
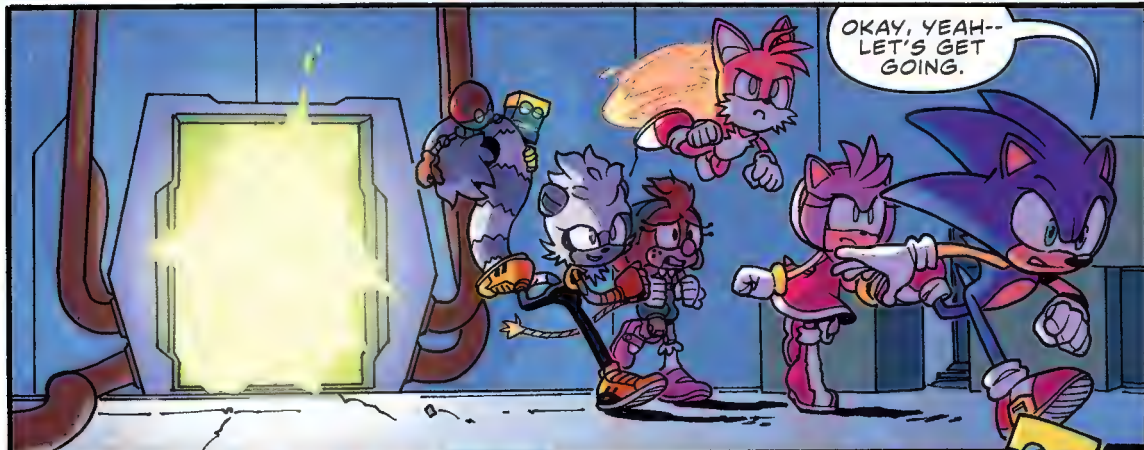
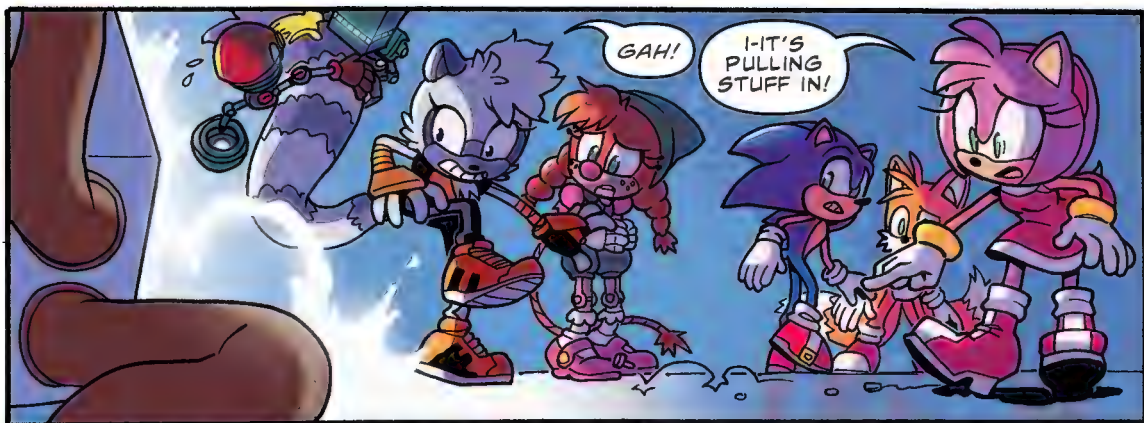
...TRY
AND DODGE
THIS!

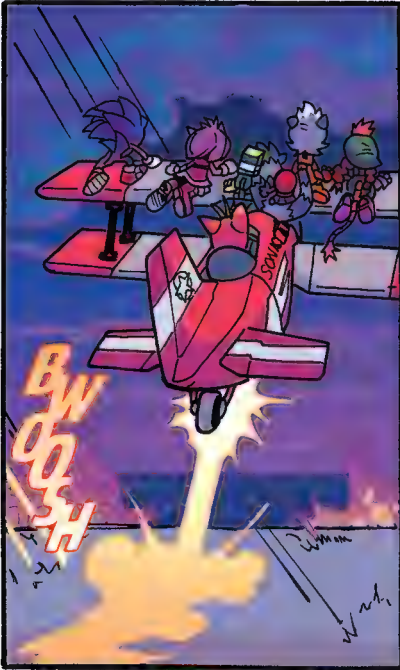
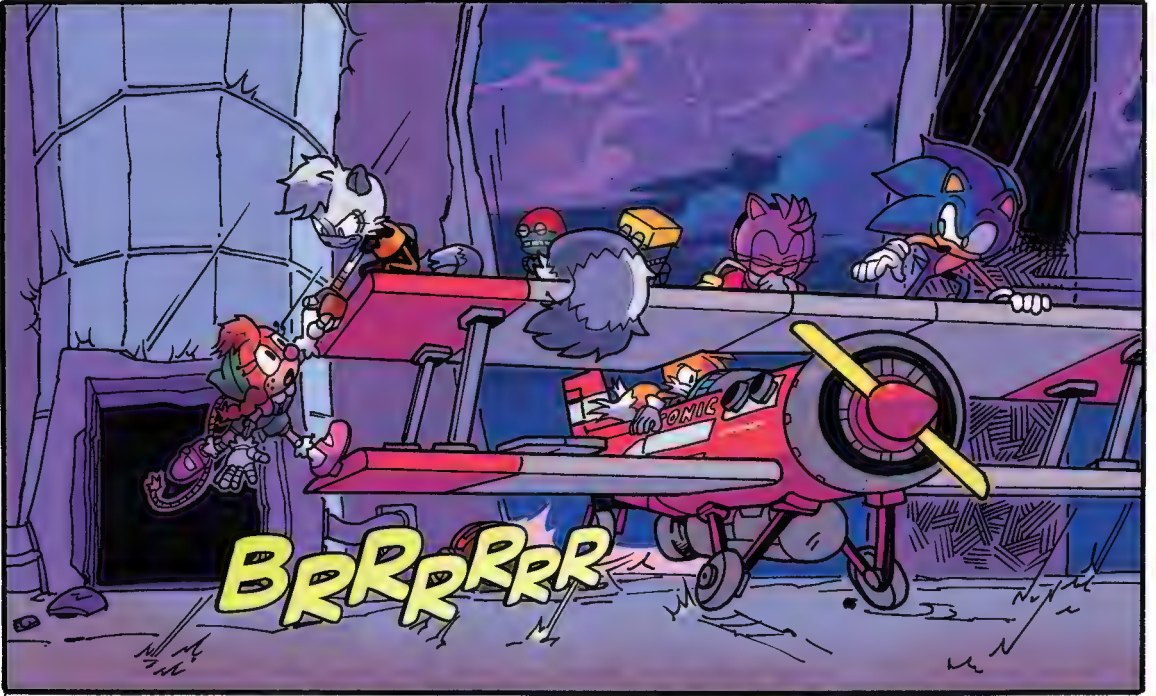
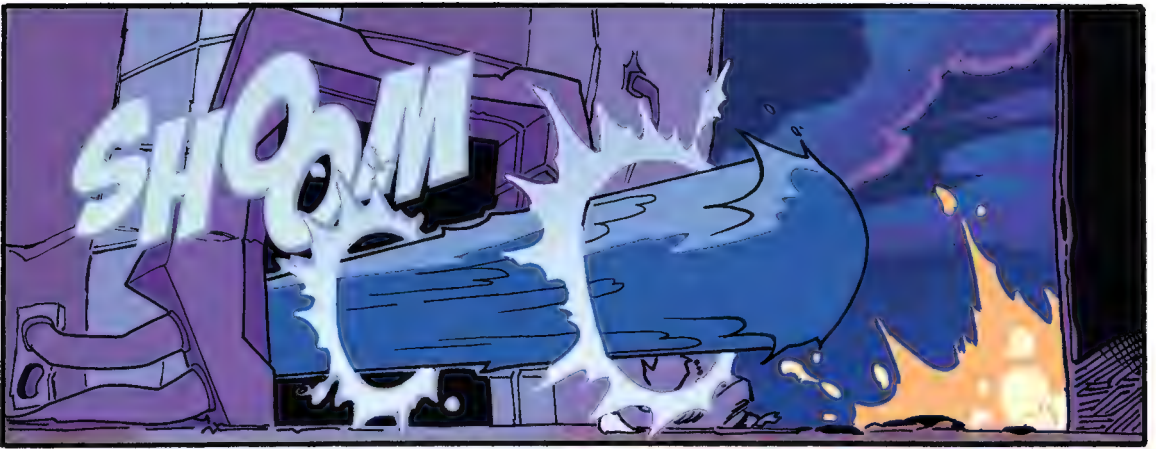


UP
HERE!





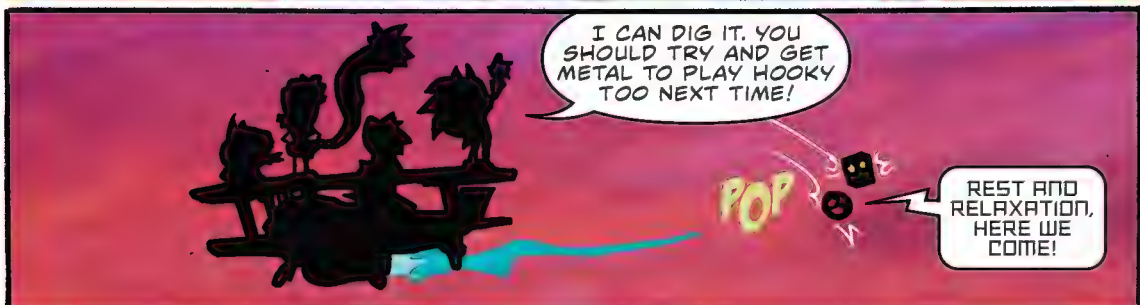
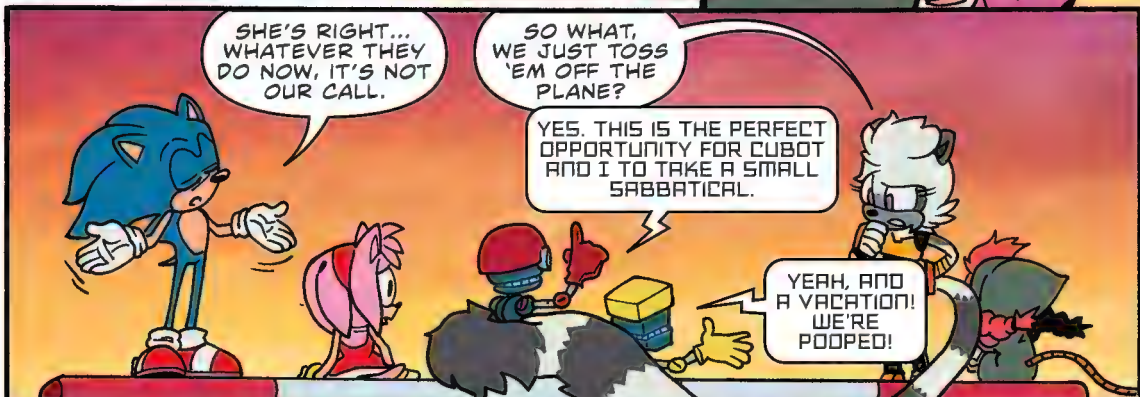
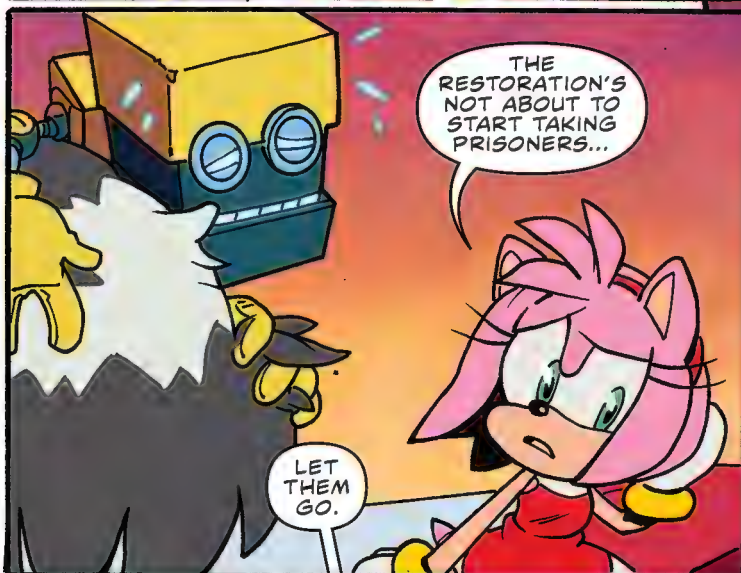
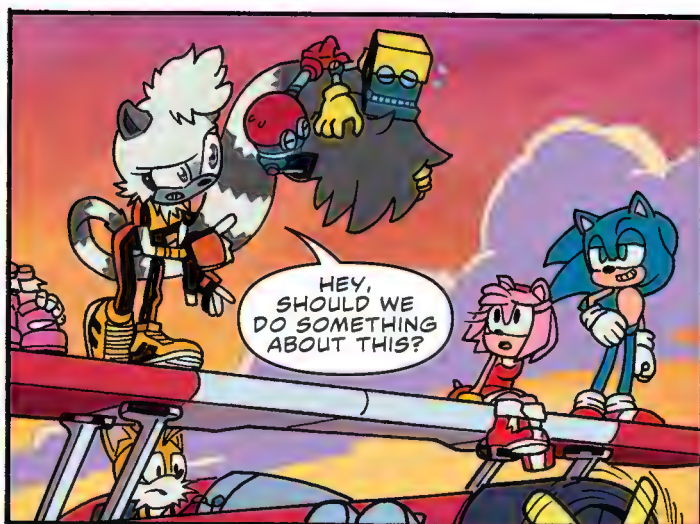


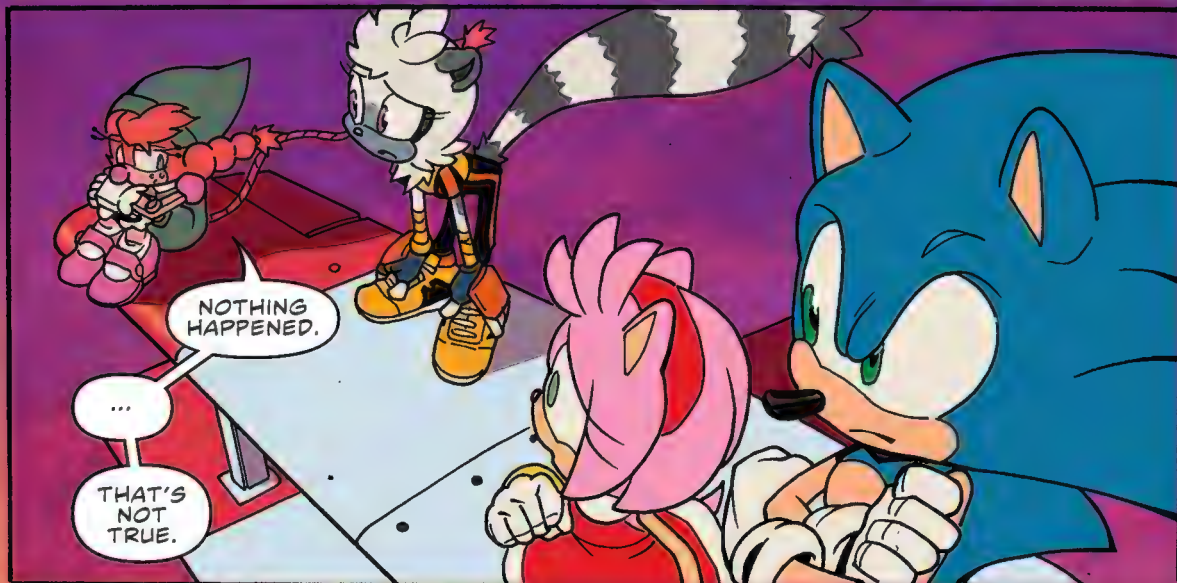
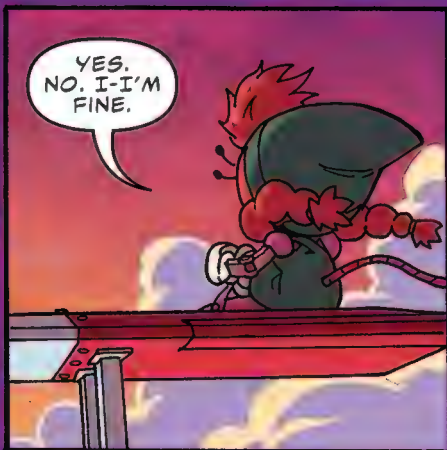


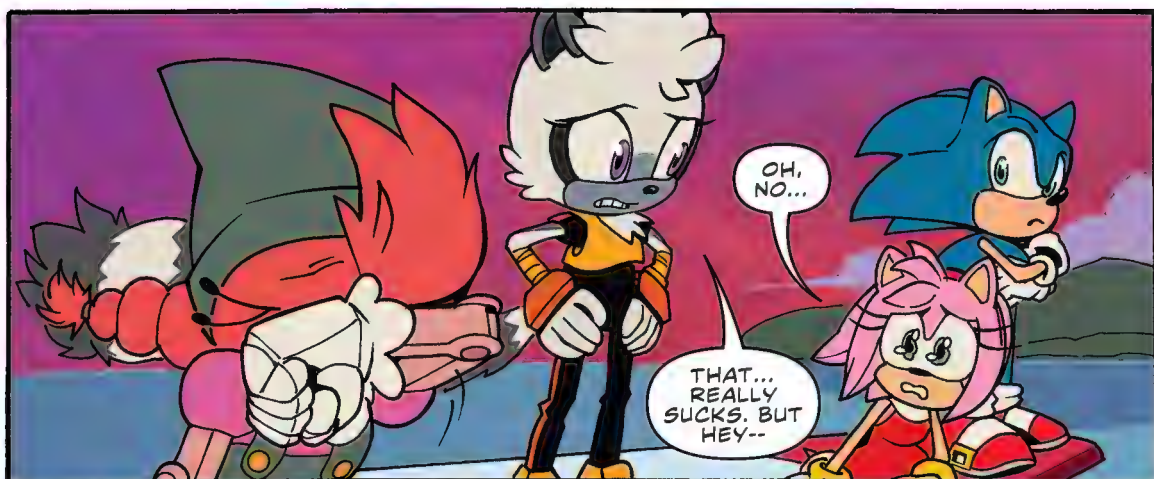


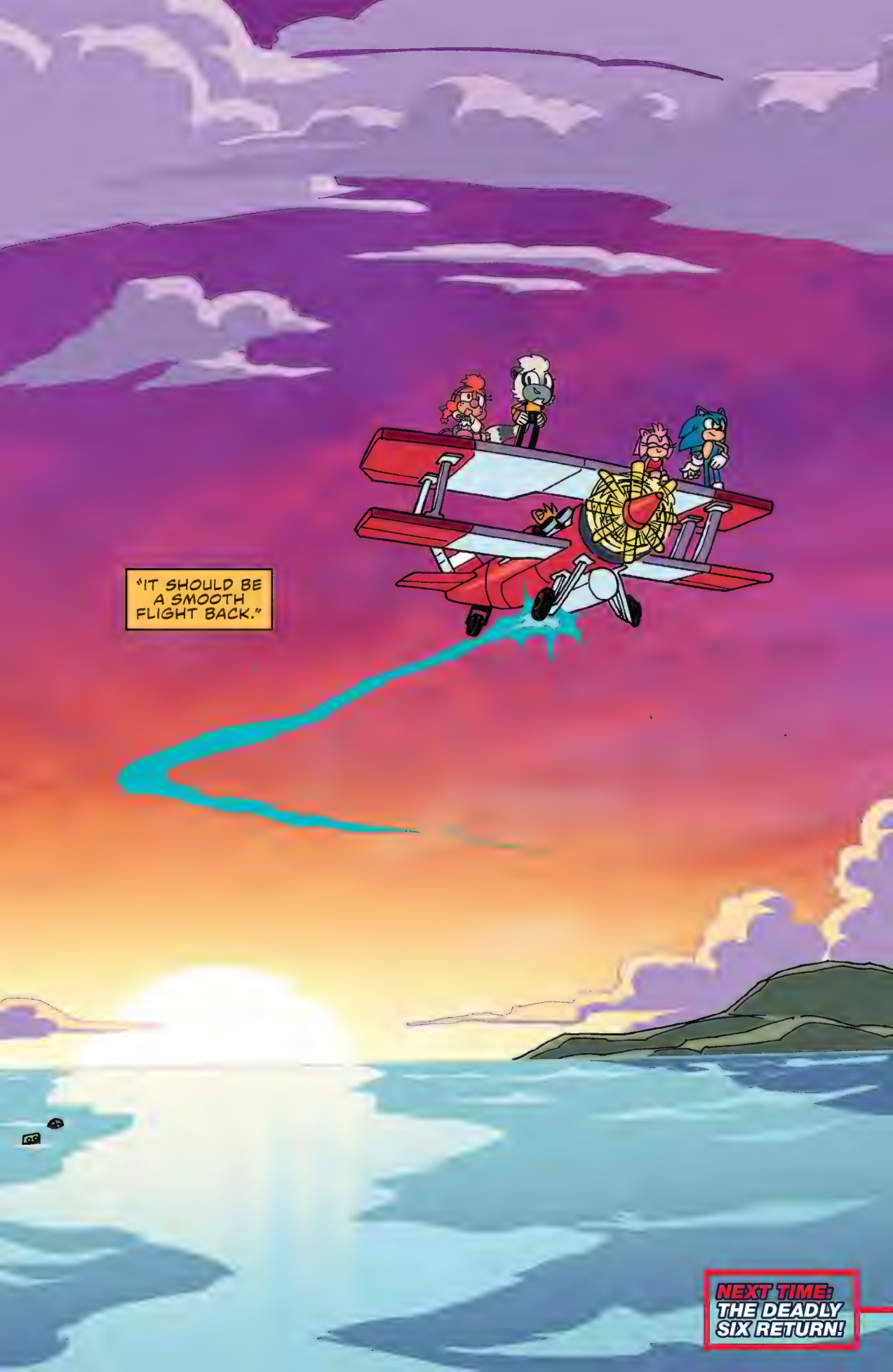
GAH!
UGH...









A red biplane with white wings and a yellow propeller is flying over a body of water at sunset. The sky is a mix of purple, pink, and orange. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright reflection on the water. A long, wavy blue trail is left behind the plane. Five characters are on board: a red fox-like character in the cockpit, a white dog-like character next to them, a pink cat-like character on the wing, and Sonic the Hedgehog and another character on the tail. A speech bubble from the cockpit says, "IT SHOULD BE A SMOOTH FLIGHT BACK." In the bottom right corner, a red-bordered box contains the text "NEXT TIME: THE DEADLY SIX RETURN!".

"IT SHOULD BE
A SMOOTH
FLIGHT BACK."

**NEXT TIME:
THE DEADLY
SIX RETURN!**



NEXT MONTH



SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD



SONIC

ART BY
CHAD

Hi, Sonic Squad! Well, now we know the truth about Belle... and I just want to give her a big hug! Thank you for joining Evan Stanley, Adam Bryce Thomas, Maria Keane, John Wycough, Leonardo Ito, Heather Breckel, and Shawn Lee for this emotional conclusion to "Test Run"! Now, let's check out your art and letters!

Hello Sonic Comic Squad

I just got done rereading the series and just, WOW! It's just as good the second time around. I like the way old characters are given so much love. I like the tense moments the story forces the characters into, and I'll never forget that metal virus saga. I also just love the new characters. Starline is the swaggiest person alive, and nobody better touch my girl Whisper. I really like Belle too, and I can't wait to see where the story takes her. I just wanna say thanks for making such an awesome comic series. Everything from the story to the art is just amazing. You're doing a great job!

Astra



Hello, Astra,

Your letter made me laugh! Starline is indeed the swaggiest person (platypus?) alive. It's always so nice to hear that people love the new IDW characters because the whole team works hard to make them loveable! I know what you mean—I want to protect Whisper and Belle so much! Thank you so much for your continued support!

Hi IDW,

My name is Ben and I am 6 years old. My dad and I just read the Metal Virus story. We both really loved it! My favorite part was when the team kicked the Deadly Six's butts to get the Chaos Emeralds. I drew a picture of Tails because he is my favorite character. I even have a Tails stuffed animal. I can't wait to start reading the next story!

Thanks,
Ben





Hi, Ben,

I'm so glad to hear that you and your dad enjoyed the Metal Virus saga! If you like Sonic and friends fighting the Deadly Six... I think you'll love reading the next few issues with your dad. Have you considered doing funny voices for each character? Zomom probably has a really goofy and deep voice. Thank you so much for your letter and art, Tails is so cute, I love his smile!

Hi Sonic Team!

My name is Timothy. I'm 9 years old and a HUGE fan of Sonic the Hedgehog! I love all of the Sonic comics, books and games! The first Sonic game I ever played was Mario & Sonic at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. It was so exciting and fun! Then I started to play more Sonic games and watch Sonic shows all the time. I began asking my parents for different Sonic things like toys and comic books. My first Sonic plush toy was actually Knuckles! My favorite Sonic comic so far is #33, Cover B. I love that edition because it has Rouge and Cheese in it! I also LOVE making Sonic drawings and writing my own Sonic stories and books! I've written seven Sonic comics and books so far! I love doing role play and acting out the stories with my Sonic plush characters. Lastly, my favorite Sonic games are: Sonic Unleashed, Sonic Generations, Sonic Colors, Sonic Free Riders, Team Sonic Racing, Sonic Mania and Sonic Forces and my favorite Sonic shows are Sonic X and Sonic Boom. I can't wait to read all of the Sonic comics.

A huge fan,
Timothy

Hi, Timothy,

Wow, what a big collection! I'm so jealous of all of your Sonic stuffed animals. It looks



like you have a lot of really cool covers, too. It's way past cool that you've been inspired to write and draw your own Sonic comics. A lot of Sonic writers and artists that work on the book now started out just like you—they played every Sonic game, read every comic, collected toys—and now they get paid to draw the little blue hedgehog all day! You must have a really big imagination to come up with so many stories and role plays, I would love to hear about all of your stories one day. Thank you for your wonderful art and letter, I hope we can keep making comics you enjoy!

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to:

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and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, grab your safari hats and binoculars because it's time for "Zeti Hunt"!





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Hedgehog Destruction - **LIVE**



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EggPawNEF-XB2006: Wow! So good! Thank you Dr. Eggman!

TheRealTrueActualSonic: 🙌

SSSSSSScratchMan: GET WRECKED BWAHAHAHA

jumpinSpirallemur04: BAD STREAM >:(!!!!!!

GearsAndStarters: Um, does anyone know a Mr. Tinker?

StarsAndLines: Is this a joke? Doctor, I can't believe your using this setup. I expected better of you, but instead you'd rather devote resources into making a juvenile mindless streaming device to appease whom? Yourself? Please. Unsubscribed.

StarsAndLines: *you're

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Supergrounder93: 🍌 🍌 🍌 🍌

EggPawMB-XB1991: Wow! So good! Thank you Dr. Eggman!

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